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Petition to Director  
U.S. Patent Application  
Atty Docket No. 35684.0101

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl./Serial No. : 09/227,490  
Title of Invention : COMPUTER INTERFACE DEVICE  
Inventor : Matthew David Gard  
Appl. Filing Date : January 6, 1999  
Art Unit : 2674  
Docket No. : 35684.0101

TO: Mail Stop Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION TO THE DIRECTOR UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181**

Dear Sir:

The above-identified case was allowed on December 1, 2003. The Issue Fee was due on March 1, 2003; however, the applicant did not pay the Issue Fee when due.

A Petition to Revive the above-identified application was submitted on October 1, 2004 along with the required Issue Fee.

The Petition to Revive was dismissed on November 1, 2004, as corrected formal drawings had not been submitted. The Applicant was given two months to correct this omission.

On January 5, 2005, the corrected formal drawings were submitted.

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On June 24, 2005, a Status Inquiry was mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with a response form attached thereto. The response form was returned without any information about issuance of the patent.

On July 12, 2005, a second Status Inquiry was mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with a response form attached thereto. Again, the response form was returned without any information about issuance of the patent.

On September 5, 2005, a third Status Inquiry was mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with a response form attached thereto. No response has been received.

On September 20, 2005, a fourth Status Inquiry was mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with a response form attached thereto. No response has been received.

All efforts to obtain the status of this patent application by calling the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office have failed.

Applicant now submits this Petition to the Director to obtain issuance of the referenced patent, as all required fees have been paid and all requirements for issuance have been met.

Attached hereto is a petition fee of \$130.00. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or underpayment of fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17.

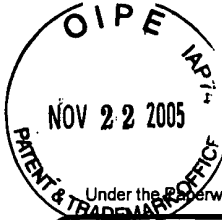
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Respectfully submitted,

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**PETITION FEE**  
**Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g) & (h)**  
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Enclosed is a petition filed under 37 CFR 1.181 that requires a processing fee (37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), or (h)). Payment of \$ 130 is enclosed.

This form should be included with the above-mentioned petition and faxed or mailed to the Office using the appropriate Mail Stop (e.g., Mail Stop Petition), if applicable. For transmittal of processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17(i), see form PTO/SB/17i.

**Payment of Fees** (small entity amounts are NOT available for the petition fees)

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 19,547:

☐ petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g) or (h) ☒ any deficiency of fees and credit of any overpayments

Enclose a duplicative copy of this form for fee processing.

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**Petition Fees under 37 CFR 1.17(f): Fee \$400 Fee Code 1462**

For petitions filed under:

- § 1.53(e) - to accord a filing date.
- § 1.57(a) - to accord a filing date.
- § 1.182 - for decision on a question not specifically provided for.
- § 1.183 - to suspend the rules.
- § 1.378(e) - for reconsideration of decision on petition refusing to accept delayed payment of maintenance fee in an expired patent.
- § 1.741(b) - to accord a filing date to an application under § 1.740 for extension of a patent term.

**Petition Fees under 37 CFR 1.17(g): Fee \$200 Fee Code 1463**

For petitions filed under:

- § 1.12 - for access to an assignment record.
- § 1.14 - for access to an application.
- § 1.47 - for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor.
- § 1.59 - for expungement of information.
- § 1.103(a) - to suspend action in an application.
- § 1.136(b) - for review of a request for extension of time when the provisions of section 1.136(a) are not available.
- § 1.295 - for review of refusal to publish a statutory invention registration.
- § 1.296 - to withdraw a request for publication of a statutory invention registration filed on or after the date the notice of intent to publish issued.
- § 1.377 - for review of decision refusing to accept and record payment of a maintenance fee filed prior to expiration of a patent.
- § 1.550(c) - for patent owner requests for extension of time in ex parte reexamination proceedings.
- § 1.956 - for patent owner requests for extension of time in inter partes reexamination proceedings.
- § 5.12 - for expedited handling of a foreign filing license.
- § 5.15 - for changing the scope of a license.
- § 5.25 - for retroactive license.

**Petition Fees under 37 CFR 1.17(h): Fee \$130 Fee Code 1464**

For petitions filed under:

- § 1.19(g) - to request documents in a form other than that provided in this part.
- § 1.84 - for accepting color drawings or photographs.
- § 1.91 - for entry of a model or exhibit.
- § 1.102(d) - to make an application special.
- § 1.138(c) - to expressly abandon an application to avoid publication.
- § 1.313 - to withdraw an application from issue.
- § 1.314 - to defer issuance of a patent.

Signature

Alan R. Thiele

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